

February 6, 2012

The Selma Police Department is now accepting application for Citizens Police Academy. The academy will run from April 3rd through May 15<sup>th</sup>. A graduation ceremony will be held on the final class night (Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>). The academy session will be held every Tuesday evening from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Selma Police Department In-Service Training room. Applicants must be 21 years of age, live or work in the police jurisdiction of the city of Selma, not have any prior felony arrest or convictions, and not have any misdemeanor arrest or convictions. There are no physical requirements and no costs involved for the participants. Participants are required to attend each session to be allowed to graduate.

The Citizen Police Academy is a program designed to educate members of the community about the various roles of the Police Department, introduce them to the law enforcement community, and give an inside look at how the department operates on a daily basis. Participants will be presented with a variety of topics including, recruiting and training, investigation, narcotics, crime scene, patrol, field training officer program, internal affairs, community relations, school resource officer, and pals. Each session will be taught by a member of the Selma Police Department. The sessions are designed so that the participants get involved asking questions and doing hands on activity. A tour of the department is included in the first session.

In addition to the classroom instruction, one week will be dedicated to participants being able to go on a ride-a-long with a patrol officer spending several hours working the streets of Selma.

Anyone interested in attending the Citizen Police Academy must turn in a completed application by February 27 2012. Applications can be obtained from the Selma Police Department, or contacting Lt. Tommy Weber at (334) 874-5261 or <a href="tweber@selma-al.gov">tweber@selma-al.gov</a>.